

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 018936

62
ORIGIN SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 /026 R

DRAFTED BY PM/ISP:LHBROWN;PM/ISO:MRDWORKEN:DME
APPROVED BY PM/ISP:LHBROWN
EA/IMS:MR. INGRAHAM
EUR/NE:MR. FLOYD
S/S - JPMOFFAT

----- 056134

P R 272152Z JAN 75
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

S E C R E T STATE 018936

STADIS//////////
EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR, US, UK, SN
SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF UK FORCES FROM SINGAPORE

REF: SINGAPORE 150

NO FOREIGN DISSEMINATION

1. BEGIN FYI ONLY. DEPARTMENT HAS MADE NO FURTHER
REPRESENTATIONS TO UK SINCE MID-NOVEMBER ON NON-NATO
ASPECTS OF UK DEFENSE REVIEW. HOWEVER, IN US-UK NOVEMBER
DISCUSSION OF DEFENSE REVIEW, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN
WASHINGTON, US CONCERN ABOUT BRITIS WITHDRAWAL FROM
SINGAPORE WAS EXPRESSED AT VERY SENIOR LEVEL. POINT WAS
MADE THAT US CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT NAVAL AND AIR
FACILITIES AT SINGAPORE BE MAINTAINED UNDER UK MILITARY

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 018936

CONTROL. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT FURTHER US REPRESENTATIONS

ON SINGAPORE LIKELY TO BE EFFECTIVE; MOREOVER, GIVEN PRESENT TEMPER OF LABOUR GOVERNMENT AND UK ECONOMIC SITUATION, A MAJOR PITCH ON SINGAPORE, IF SUCCESSFUL, MIGHT BE AT THE EXPENSE OF OTHER ELEMENTS OF DEFENSE REVIEW IN WHICH WE HAVE EQUAL OR GREATER INTEREST. IF UK DECIDES, OF COURSE, FOR WHATEVER REASON, TO MAINTAIN SOME PRESENCE IN SINGAPORE BEYOND APRIL 1976, WE WOULD WELCOME THAT DECISION.

2. RECENT BRITISH RESPONSE TO OUR COMMENTS ON DEFENSE

REVIEW PROPOSALS INCLUDED, IN ESSENCE, STATEMENT THAT JUDGEMENT OF PRIORITIES AGAINST RESOURCE CONSTRAINTS LED THEM TO CONCLUSION THAT RETAINING GREATER RESIDUAL PRESENCE EAST OF SUEZ WOULD NECESSITATE FOREGOING COMMITMENTS AND CAPABILITIES ELSEWHERE. BRITISH INDICATED THEY WILL RETAIN CAPABILITY TO DEPLOY, AND WILL PAY OCCASIONAL NAVAL AND AIR FORCE VISITS, TO EAST OF SUEZ AREA. BRITISH ALSO MENTIONED THAT FPDA PARTNERS HAVE NOTED UK PROPOSALS WITH REGRET, BUT WITHOUT MAJOR OBJECTIONS. NEW ZEALAND FORCES ARE LIKELY TO REMAIN AFTER WITHDRAWAL, AND BRITISH SAY THEY ARE DISCUSSING TIMING WITH GNZ TO MINIMIZE LOGISTIC SUPPORT FACILITY TRANSITIONAL PROBLEMS. END FYI ONLY.

3. FOREGOING DOES NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF ARRANGEMENTS SUCH AS THOSE DESCRIBED IN SINGAPORE 334 (NOTAL). SHOULD USN STUDY RECOMMEND PROCEEDING, WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER GUIDANCE. KISSINGER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SURVEILLANCE, TROOP REDUCTIONS, OBSERVATION AIRCRAFT, MILITARY PLANS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 JAN 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: johnsorg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975STATE018936
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: LHBROWN;PM/ISO:MRDWORKEN:DME
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750030-0249
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750117/aaaaaops.tel
Line Count: 90
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: STADIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: STADIS
Reference: 75 SINGAPORE 150
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: johnsorg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 APR 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 APR 2003 by ElyME>; APPROVED <04 NOV 2003 by johnsorg>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: WITHDRAWAL OF UK FORCES FROM SINGAPORE
TAGS: MARR, US, UK, SN
To: SINGAPORE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006